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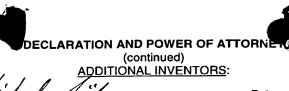
believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the INVENTION ENTITLED METHOD FOR PREVENTING BUBBLES OR SMALL BUBBLES WHEN CONNECTING SUBSTRATE PARTS OF OPTICAL PATH CARRIERS BY MEANS OF AN ADHESIVE the specification of which (CHECK applicable BOX(ES)) → A. ☐ is attached hereto. as U.S. Application No. → B. 🖾 was filed on November 4, 1999 BOX(ES) → C. 🗌 was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/ and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Except as noted below, I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one other country than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application, filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application: PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)
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Except as noted be 50 The body claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 and 365(c) of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **Priority NOT Claimed** PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NONPROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S) **Status** pending, abandoned, patented Application No. (series code/serial no.) Day/MONTH/Year Filed I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And I hereby appoint Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP, Intellectual Property Group, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Ninth Floor, East Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005-3918, telephone number (202) 861-3000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the below-named persons (of the same address) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, and I hereby authorize them to delete names/numbers below of persons no longer with their firm and to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/ organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct the above Firm and/or a below attorney in writing to the contrary. 30793 Michael R. Dzwonczyk 36787 Paul N. Kokulis 16773 Dale S. Lazar 28872 Mark G. Paulson 17519 Paul E. White, Jr. 32011 Stephen C. Glazier 31361 W. Patrick Bengtsson 32456 Raymond F. Lippitt Paul F. McQuade 37087 G. Lloyd Knight 17698 Glenn J. Perry 28458 31542 Jack S. Barufka Carl G. Love Kendrew H. Colton 30368 Ruth N. Morduch 31044 41835 18781 Adam R. Hess G. Paul Edgell Richard H. Zaitlen Kevin E. Joyce 20508 24238 27248 35861 George M. Sirilla 18221 Lynn E. Eccleston Roger R. Wise 31204 Timothy J. Klima David A. Jakopin Donald J. Bird 25323 34852 Jay M. Finkelstein 21082 Peter W. Gowdey 25872 32995 Anita M. Kirkpatrick 32617 (1) INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE: Date: **GERIGK** Reinhard First 4 Middle Initial Family Name GERMANY GERMANY Residence Gelnhausen Country of Citizenship State/Foreign Country City Uferweg 20, 64571 Gelnhausen, GERMANY Post Office Address (include Zip Code) Date: 15.12.99 (2) INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE: SICHMANN Eggo First Middle Initial Family Name Residence GERMANY GERMANY Gelnhausen State/Foreign Country Country of Citizenship City Post Office Address Deutschordenstrasse 31, 64571 Gelnhausen, GERMANY

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